[English]

Import of Bulk Drugs

4893. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of bulk drugs being imported;

(b) the total value of import of bulk drugs, intermediates, chemicals slovents etc., during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(c) the reasons for import when the adequate installed capacity for manufacture of most of the bulk drugs exists in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). The names of bulk drugs which are being imported and value of bulk drugs, intermediates and chemical solvents imported during 1988-89 and 1989-90, to the extent available, is contained in the Indian Drugs Statistics 1989-90, copy of which is available in the Parliament Library.

(c) Imports are made to fill the gap between the indigenous demand and the indigenous availability. However, where indigenous production is adequate, import of such items is regulated through appropriate tariff mechanism and import policy.

Sick Paper Mills

4894. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick paper mills;

(b) whether the Government have a proposal to revive some of these mills; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) According to available information, 77 paper units are not reporting production.

(b) and (c). The financial institutions and Banks in consultation with the States/Central Government keep a close watch on the performance of paper mills. The Institutions and Banks have been extending need-based reliefs and concessions to the paper mills on case to case basis and have been following a liberalised policy towards modernisation. A Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction has been set up in terms of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act. 1985 for taking various measures pertaining to sick industrial companies falling within the purview of the Act.

Industries in Collaboration with West Germany

4895. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to set up some major industries in collaboration with West Germany in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some such units have already been established in collaboration with West Germany; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). There are 19 applica-

tions for foreign collaboration involving foreign equity participation by companies from the Federal Republic of Germany which are pending consideration of Government. As a matter of policy, specific information relating to foreign collaboration proposals pending consideration of Government are not revealed in the public interest.

(c) and (d). Information relating to the approvals granted for foreign collaboration involving foreign equity participation by companies from the Federal Republic of Germany (including the erstwhile Germany Democratic Republic) during the last few years is given below:-

Year	*No. of approvals granted*	*Amount of foreign investment approved (Rs. in crores)*
1	*2*	*3*
1986	40	20.16
1987	40	10.35
1988	47	40.00
1989	38	120.33
1990	40	19.51
1991 (Jan-June)	10	22.61

Details of all approved foreign collaborations viz., the name of Indian & foreign firms, item of manufacture, nature of collaboration are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to its Monthly News Letter. Copies of this publication are sent regularly to Parliament Library.

Survey and Exploration of Polametallic Nodules

4896. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the implementation of the programme for survey and exploration of Polymetallic Nodules found in the deep seabed;

(b) whether the Government have a proposal to intensify the Research and Development Programme in the extraction of Polymetallic Nodules; and

(c) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Progress made in survey and exploration of Polymetallic Nodules in the Indian Pioneer Area includes completion of free fall sampling, spot photography at 12.5 km. grid spacing in the